

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI et al.

Application No.: New Rule 53(b) Divisional of U.S.
Application No. 09/970,786 filed October 5, 2001

Filed: March 18, 2004

Docket No.: 110796.01

For: SLIDER OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/970,786, filed October 5, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Paul F. Daebeler
Registration No. 35,852

JAO:PFD/can

Date: March 18, 2004

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 110796.01		APPLICATION NO. New Rule 53(b) Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/970,786 filed October 5, 2001	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANTS Yoshitaka SASAKI et al.			
				FILING DATE March 18, 2004			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	1	09/685,947	10/2000	Sasaki			
	2	5,617,273	04/1997	Carr et al.			
	3	5,841,608	11/1998	Kasamatsu et al.			
	4	5,634,259	06/1997	Sone et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	5	JP A 8-339511	12/1996	Japan			
	6	JP A 8-287440	11/1996	Japan			
	7	JP A 9-63027 w/Abstract	03/1997	Japan			
	8	JP A 8-293111 w/Abstract	11/1996	Japan			
	9	JP A 11-120528 w/Abstract	04/1999	Japan			
	10	JP A 7-230615 w/Partial Trans.	08/1995	Japan			
	11	JP A 11-185418 w/Abstract	07/1999	Japan			
	12	JP 59-142776	08/1984	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: March 18, 2004